

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID K-189 115kV TRANSMISSION LINE THERMAL UPGRADE AND G-185N 115kV LINE RECONDUCTORING PROJECT IN WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2021-05

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98-7 and 42-98-9.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and sections 1.6(G) and 1.8(D) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, **the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”)** will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6 PM** in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on a filing by National Grid which is described below. The public comment hearing will be streamed live and archived online at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

At this hearing, the Board will hear public comment on Docket No. SB-2021-05 regarding National Grid’s Notice of Intent Application for approval to make certain modifications to two pre-existing transmission lines located in Warwick. The pre-existing lines traverse approximately one mile along a right-of-way from the pre-existing Drumrock substation located off Centerville Road near the Warwick “Park and Ride,” cross the route 95 entrance/exit ramps going south, continue south in parallel with route 95, then cross over route 95 to the west, ending at the pre-existing Kent County substation which is south of Cowesett Road.

The purpose of the modifications is to increase the thermal rating of the existing K-189 115kV transmission line and to reconductor the G-185N 115kV transmission line in Warwick, Rhode Island. National Grid filed its Notice of Intent Application with the Board on December 7, 2021. In its application, National Grid proposes to replace the conductor insulator assemblies on two structures of the K-189 Line and to reconductor the G-185N Line, including installing new insulator assemblies on all structures of that Line. Both Lines are in the same approximately 1-mile long right of way located in the City of Warwick. National Grid represents in its filing that no tower structures are being replaced or added. National Grid argues that the project does not significantly impact the environment or public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, National Grid requests the Board determine that the project does not constitute an alteration to a major energy facility and, therefore, is not subject to the full EFSB permitting process.

In light of the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, the Board will accept remote public comment via a Zoom link. People interested in providing public comment also may do so in person at the meeting. To offer remote public comment, use the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84330857341>. After opening this link, you will be given instructions to enter the meeting by internet. Alternatively, remote public comment can be offered by telephone. If you choose to call in, dial 929-205-6099 and enter meeting number 843 3085 7341, followed by the # symbol. If you are interested in viewing the public comment hearing but do not plan to offer public comment, you can watch the live stream using the streaming link listed above. You will be able to observe the hearing and others’ public comment.

The Notice of Intent Application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick,

Rhode Island. It is also available online at [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021\\_SB\\_05.html](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/2021_SB_05.html).

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2173, at least 72 hours in advance of the public comment hearing.

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